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To who it may concern,

It is beyond doubt that Microsoft has been judged to have systematically employed monopolistic and unfair business practices. By playing our legal system like a virtuoso, it has avoided any real harm to its core businesses and in fact has proven that it is better to break the law and pay what ever small price in order to gain momentum and market share. Microsoft is unchallenged and there is no end in sight.

Any person that works in high tech sees the on-going effects of the monopoly that continues unabated. Technology important to US technological leadership is diluted and resisted because it doesn't fit into Bill Gate's vision of Microsoft's corporate hegemony.

Now Microsoft is going to be "giving" Windows XP to 12,000 of the nations's poorest schools. What a great ploy. Now these 12,000 schools will depend on Microsoft upgrades as well as train hundreds of thousands of future Microsoft consumers. Let's face it. Microsoft has won and owns us the future of computing for the foreseeable future. Please, someone have the decency to stand up and add an asterisk to this sad chapter in American corporate history. A better punishment would be to forbid Microsoft from giving XP to schools and let Apple use this marketing technique if it so chooses. That's how idiotic this "compromise" is.

Sincerely,

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